



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([www.doh.wa.gov](http://www.doh.wa.gov)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Adams County**

In September 2012 the Secretary of Health withdrew charges against dental hygienist **Angie Mendez** (DH00006546).

### **Clallam County**

In October 2012 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Jerry Schmidt** of its intention to issue a cease-and-desist order for performing veterinary dentistry without a credential as a veterinarian or veterinary assistant. Charges allege that Schmidt was paid \$150 for aligning, balancing, and correcting teeth on two horses in February 2012. He later admitted to a Department of Health investigator that he had performed equine dentistry on the two horses. He represented himself as an equine dentist and advertised his services on bulletin boards in the Port Angeles area and on his website, [nwequinedentistry.us](http://nwequinedentistry.us).

In October 2012 the Secretary of Health withdrew charges against certified nursing assistant **Laurie N. Parr** (NC10082472).

In October 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Carolyn R. Hamilton** (NA00189977) for at least four years. Hamilton stole about \$1,190 in money orders from a patient, and charged a personal purchase to the patient's debit card. She pleaded guilty to four counts of second-degree theft in 2012.

### **Clark County**

In September 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Cindy Higdon** (NC10079361) for at least two years. Higdon documented that she had administered medications to several boarding home residents, when she hadn't.

In October 2012 the Secretary of Health revoked the credential of emergency medical technician **David Dennis Boespflug** (ES60095879) for at least 10 years. Boespflug was convicted of two felony counts of indecent liberties in 2011.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In September 2012 the Massage Program indefinitely suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Jarrid D. Horn** (MA00008352). Horn billed and submitted claims of about \$6,900 to the state Department of Labor and Industries for massage services he gave while his credential was expired.

### **King County**

In October 2012 the Midwifery Program suspended the credential of midwife **Amanda S. Feldmann** (MW00000259) for at least five years. The program found that Feldmann provided substandard care to a mother in labor. She also allowed a woman, who is unlicensed in Washington, to serve as the primary midwife in the delivery of the baby.

In October 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Mabinty Williams** (NC10093665) for at least two years. Her credential expired in September 2012 but is subject to renewal. In January 2012 Williams was caring for a five-week-old infant. The baby suffered chemical burns on her face and a torn frenulum in her mouth, requiring emergency hospitalization. In April 2012 Williams was convicted of third-degree felony assault.

In October 2012 the Medical Commission withdrew charges against physician **David D. Herrington** (MC00011353).

### **Kitsap County**

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Janet M. Rhodes** (LP00035580). Rhodes didn't respond to department inquiries about an allegation that she had diverted morphine from her workplace.

### **Mason County**

In October 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Ashley Kristina Rose Carr** (NC60250737) for failing to comply with an agreement to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

### **Pierce County**

In October 2012 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Shallem R. Green** (NC10075440) for failing to comply with an agreed order to submit quarterly progress reports.

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Karla A. Bigley** (RN00165892) for failing to comply with a reinstatement order to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In May 2012 she tested positive for ethyl sulfate and admitted to consuming alcohol.

In September 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Jane W. Muguku** (NA00154505) for at least five years. The program found that Muguku didn't properly supervise a patient with special care needs, including being unable to read. The patient suffered from pica, a craving to eat nonfood items like toothpaste and grooming supplies. While unsupervised, the patient ate laundry detergent, which may have contributed to the patient's death.

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Deborah M. Asrari** (RN00125941) for failing to comply with an agreed order to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program.

In October 2012 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional **Sandra E. Miller** (CP00001666) for at least 24 months. Miller tested positive for controlled substances during a workplace drug screen and didn't have a prescription for the drugs.

### **Snohomish County**

In September 2012 the Nursing Commission revoked the credential of registered nurse **Aliou Drammeh** (RN00175081) at least five years. His credential was summarily suspended in October 2011. In July 2011 Drammeh's Oregon nursing license was revoked for fraudulently getting his nursing license by using a forged signature and a fake social security number. While his license was suspended, he practiced nursing at skilled nursing facilities in Lynnwood and Seattle.

In September 2012 the Board of Pharmacy suspended the credentials of pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician **Melissa Retasket** (VB60010626, VA60105412), also known as Melissa Rucker. She tested positive for controlled substances in a workplace drug test. She may apply for reinstatement after she has contracted with a substance abuse monitoring program.

### **Spokane County**

In September 2012 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Leora J. Ryan** (NA00199571) for at least three years. Ryan borrowed or converted personal property from a patient and used the property for her benefit.

In August 2012 the Nursing Commission ended the probation of registered nurse **Kaarene D. Parker** (RN00130561).

In October 2012 the Secretary of Health suspended the credentials of registered and certified nursing assistant **Kevin Anthony Lehman** (NA60195367, NC60197856) for 10 years for criminal convictions and for failing to include criminal convictions on his credential applications. He was convicted of second-degree arson in 2009, and driving under the influence in 2011. In 2012 he was convicted of second-degree attempted robbery, second-degree burglary, and third-degree assault.

### **Stevens County**

In October 2012 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Patricia A. Williamson** (LP00057126) for at least 24 months due to a physical or mental health condition.

### **Out of State**

**Texas:** In October 2012 the Medical Commission immediately suspended the license of physician and surgeon **Darey A. Philbrick** (MD00036145). In June 2012 he surrendered his Texas medical license in lieu of disciplinary action. The Texas Medical Board found that he violated the standard of care during a surgical procedure that harmed the patient, and didn't keep an adequate medical record.

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